

Special Town Meeting, Monday, October 21, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Abbot School, 25 Depot Street, Westford

We urge you to attend this Special Town Meeting as 200 registered voters are required for the meeting to take place. Those not registered to vote in Westford are welcome to attend as observers. Below is a summary of the 22 articles on the warrant, the full text of which is posted at the Town Hall, the post offices, Cameron Senior Center, J.V. Fletcher Library, and online on the town's website: www.westfordma.gov.

The Board of Selectmen:

Kelly Ross, Chair; Jim Sullivan, Vice Chair; Andrea Peraner-Sweet, Clerk; Valerie Wormell and Scott Hazelton

Article 1: Fiscal Year 2014 budget adjustments: To transfer from Free Cash \$222,900 to supplement the following operating budgets: \$200,000 to Legal Services - Newport Materials litigation; \$2,900 to Recycling - expenses related to hazardous materials collection, \$20,000 to Veterans' Services - expenses related to Veteran's benefits; \$13,187 from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings - supplement the Water Department Enterprise Debt Service.

Article 2: To pay a prior year's unpaid bill due to W.B. Mason for \$264.03.

Article 3: To transfer \$85,045.11 from perchlorate stabilization to the perchlorate remediation account to pay for cleanup expenses.

Article 4: To appropriate \$161,739.35 from the Early Retiree Reinsurance Program through our former health insurance carrier, to reduce health insurance premiums for retirees, employees and the town for one month.

Article 5: To rescind prior authorized amounts to be borrowed, that were in excess of what was needed for projects already completed.

Article 6: To seek capital funds to improve the safety of preschoolers' van drop off at the Millennium School, and to improve the drainage of the Abbot School parking lot.

Article 7: To seek funding for window replacement at the Day and Robinson Schools (matching funding are being applied for through the Mass School Building Authority).

Article 8: To transfer a parcel located on Boston Road to allow for the construction of a new Center Fire Station, and the appropriation of funds for a Feasibility Study and Schematic Design for this project, including recommendations for reuse of the current center fire station.

Article 9: To transfer the following available funds to reduce the net amount to be raised by taxes for Fiscal Year 2014: \$32,793.59 from Fund Balance Designated for Debt Exclusion Reduction and \$1,995,414.45 from Free Cash.

Article 10: To approve the recommendations of the Westford Community Preservation Committee, appropriating \$136,000 for structural repairs to the Westford Museum, and \$15,134 for support to the Historical Commission to apply for Massachusetts Preservation Proposal Funds for additional support for the Westford Museum.

Article 11: To authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter an amendment to the service agreement between the town and

Covanta Haverhill Associates (dated July 1, 2010) for the disposal of solid waste. This amendment would extend the term of the service agreement from five years to eight years, to expire on June 30, 2018.

Article 12: To amend General Bylaw Chapter 114, Junk Dealers, to regulate the use of drop boxes (also known as unattended donation receptacles). The language is on file with the Town Clerk and on the town's website.

Article 13: To amend General Bylaw Chapter 80, Demolition Delay; the language is on file with the Town Clerk and on the town's website.

Article 14: To delete and replace the General Bylaw Chapter 61, Hazardous Materials Storage; the language is on file with the Town Clerk, the Board of Health Department, and on the town's website.

Article 15: To adopt the "Stretch Energy Code" as set forth in the State Building Code at 780 CMR 120.AA (i.e., Appendix 120.AA), and to amend our General Bylaws by inserting a new Chapter entitled "Stretch Energy Code." This is a requirement of becoming a "Green Community" and the language is on file with the Town Clerk and on the town's website.

Article 16: Citizen's petition - to amend our General Bylaws to add a new Chapter entitled Feeding or Baiting of Wildlife (Waterfowl and Bear); the language is on file with the Town Clerk and on the town's website.

Article 17: To amend Section 5.3 of the Westford Zoning Bylaws to replace the Sign Bylaw in its entirety; the language is on file with the Town Clerk and on the town's website.

Article 18: To accept Boxwood Road and Strawberry Lane as public ways.

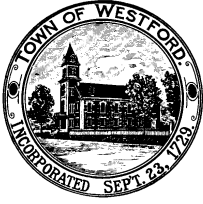
Article 19: To accept Sleigh Road as a public way.

Article 20: To authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift an easement at the corner of First Street and Broadway Street as shown on a plan entitled "Use Easement Broadway/First Street," dated July 23, 2013, on file with the Town Clerk and on our website.

Article 21: This article will be dismissed.

Article 22: Citizen's petition - to transfer the care and custody of the so-called "Edwards Parcel" being approximately 40 acres from the Board of Selectmen to the Conservation Commission; said parcel to be kept as conservation land.

Please refer any questions to jjross@westfordma.gov.



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VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 11, 2013 at 8:00 p.m.